WHAT ABOUT THIS ONE?

WHICH ONE?

I LIKE IT!

REFRESHING WITH A HINT OF SWEETNESS

ALRIGHT, THIS ONE IT IS!

YOU'RE BUYING PERFUME TO WEAR FOR YOUR BOYFRIEND, ARENT YOU?

FUFUFU

I WONDER WHAT IGARASHI'S UP TO THESE DAYS?

AH... IGARASHI'S

GONE HOME TO VISIT HIS PARENTS, I THINK.

Koi Inu
Love is a Home, and Mine

ACHOO!

? DID I CATCH A COLD?

HM, WHAT'S CHIYO DOING RIGHT NOW?

SHE STILL HASN'T REPLIED TO MY MESSAGE YET... I'M SO LONELY ...

SHUN! WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR DINNER?

HM? DOESN'T MATTER.

DOESN'T MATTER, HUH...

WHAT ABOUT YOU, HONEY?

HOW ABOUT PREPARING SOME MEAT AND SUSHI?

BECAUSE IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE HE'S COME HOME.

THAT'S TRUE ...

AH!

I'M UP FOR SUSHI!

LET'S DO SUSHI!

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SUSHI, HE SAID …

SO? HOW'S COLLEGE… YOU BEEN STUDYING?

DID YOU GET A GIRLFRIEND?

HM?

COLLEGE IS FUN.

I THINK I'M GONNA BE ABLE TO TAKE TEACHING CLASSES STARTING NEXT YEAR.

I ALSO GOT A GIRL-FRIEND.

BUT WE KINDA JUST STARTED GOING OUT.

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CHIYO… HOW CUTE IS SHE NOW?

SHE'S CUTE, THOUGH

WELL— IT'S LIKE SHE'S A TOTALLY DIFFERENT PERSON NOW! TOOK ME COMPLETE-LY BY SURPRISE!

I KNEW IT.

!?

IT WAS JUST A JOKE THOUGH …

HOW!!?

COD YOU KNOW!?

FATHER'S INTUITION.

BEH !?

AH …

I THINK I'M GONNA …

GO OUTSIDE FOR A BIT.

…BY THE WAY

IS YOUR LEG FINE NOW?

YEP! IT'S ALL HEALED NOW.

DON'T WORRY.

BE CARE-FUL.

I'M LEAVI-NG NOW, BYE!

SO HIS GIRLFRIEND REALLY IS CHIYO.

WELL, WOULD YOU LOOK AT THAT…

Now that I think about it... How did he know...

About me and Chiyo meeting at college...

Ah, at least he seemed fine with it.

He wasn't just playing around with me, right... Whatever.

Right! Be sure to eat the appetizers!

Sighs about helping Kuma.

Kuma, you don't smoke?

I don't. I'm barely legal, anyway.

Huh? Shouldn't this be the year when you turn legal? When's your birthday?

It's in October, October 27th.

Still a little early then.

Speaking of birthdays... That reminds me, the girl we saw before

Aaaa.

Was she your ex-girlfriend or something? It's complicated...

I still remember all these little things about her... Like her birthday, her blood type, her favorite foods, everything.

Could this be what they call a lingering affection?

Who knows? It's just the birthday of a girl you once dated.

You still remember it.

But it's simply a memory, that's all.

Kaji, what about your ex?

Oy, oy.

I kind of have a lot of guilt surrounding her, though... It's complicated, something that I want to forget but can't.

It's not just a memory.

I got angry and said something terrible to her.

Back then, I was immature, even more so than I am now. I gave in to pressure from my parents and I didn't have any self-control either.

I bet the only reason you're saying that is because you're exactly how you are now, kid.

Well that's just called being human. No one is perfect...

Hey, shut up.

Excuse me miss, another beer please!

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I'M HOME.
THE PLACE WHERE I SPENT TEN YEARS OF MY LIFE...
WHAT A SIGHT...
WHEN I GET BACK, I'LL TELL CHIYO ALL ABOUT IT..
WHAT HAPPENED DURING THE TIME WE WERE SEPARATED, THE SAD THINGS AND THE HAPPY THINGS... ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING THAT SHE DOESN'T KNOW...
THANKS FOR THE MEAL!
I CAN'T BELIEVE WE SAT THERE FOR TWO HOURS.
KUMA, WHATCHA DOIN' AFTER THIS?
GOING HOME.
TACOMA, YOU GOTTA WORK TONIGHT?
I'M GOING HOME TO SLEEP A BIT
WANT TO HAVE THAT BALLOON
ALRIGHT... I'M GOING HOME TOO.
SEEYA LATER
SEEYA

LUCKY ME.

BYE CHIYOKO
WE'RE GONNA WALK TO THE TRAIN STATION FROM HERE.

I'LL BE FINE!
THERE'RE A LOT OF CREEPS PROWLING AROUND HERE.
BE CAREFUL AND GET HOME SAFELY.

DON'T SAY EHH!
EHH ...
IF I REMEMBER TO...
ALSO TELL US WHAT IGARASHI SAYS LATER, 'KAY?

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SHOULD I PUT IT ON?

HEY THERE, MISS
GOING HOME?

EH... WHO?
IS HE TALKING TO ME?
EH? WHAT THE HECK...
A WEIRDO? IS HE TRYING TO FLIRT? EH? I FEEL UNCOM-FORTABLE.
HEY HEY HEY, WAIT ...
JUST 30 MINUTES, LET'S GET TEN TEA TOGETH-MINUTES ER, HOW THEN? I ABOUT IT? JUST WANNA TALK!
IGNORE, IGNORE
AAAH... HOW AM I NOT SURPRISED.
CHARACTERIZE AS EVER!
I KNOW HE'S NOT GOING TO TRY TO PULL ANYTHING ON HER BUT...
THAT PERSON... HAPTA PITY THE POOR GIRL. BUT IT'S TOO MUCH TROUBLE FOR ME TO INTERFERE.
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I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING THOUGH?
GEEZ! PLEASE LEAVE ME ALONE!
CAN YOU LOWER YOUR VOICE?
HAA?
to be continued...

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